

PRESS RELEASE

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Successful commissioning in Russia

**X-Melt® electric arc furnace for the production
of special steels put into operation at OMZ
by SMS Siemag AG**

On behalf of Forpost Management, SMS Siemag, a company of the SMS group, Germany, has successfully commissioned a 120-t ARCESS® electric arc furnace for OMZ, Uralmash-Izhora Group, Russia. The arc furnace was erected in the modernized shops in the works of OMZ Special Steels, Izhorskiye Zavody.

The SMS Siemag supply scope contained the electric arc furnace with additive supply system, gas cleaning plant and the X-Pact® electrical and automation package.

The electric arc furnace has an annual capacity of 600,000 t and covers a wide product range, from structural steels to quality steels and high-quality rotor and reactor steel grades for nuclear power stations and the chemical industry.

The commissioning of the modernized steelworks on June 2, 2009 was attended by the Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and by high-ranking representatives of Gazprombank, Forpost Management as the purchaser and OMZ as the user.

Electric arc furnaces of the ARCESS[®] series are optimized for the highly efficient utilization of electrical power and are equipped with future-oriented burner and oxygen-injector technology. This concept pays off in the form of high productivity with low production costs.

X-Melt[®] is an SMS Siemag trademark from the Steelmaking Division. It identifies plants and technologies that set standards for the economical production of high-quality liquid steel.

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